



NEWCOMERS OF CATAWBA VALLEY

2425 North Ctr. St. #169, Hickory NC 28601

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April 2013

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Greetings Everyone,



Do we dare think that Spring is actually here, or at least coming soon? Let's all hope. Spring and April is a time for transition in Newcomers. We say some farewells to several Board Members and Activity Chairs and offer our utmost thanks for a job well done. We say

hello to our new Board Members and Activity Chairs. We say hello to our new fiscal year with all the possibilities and upcoming events.

I want to thank all of the Board Members and Activity Chairs that I have worked with this past year. Their dedication, thoughtfulness, and concern for the club are testimony to how professional they are. Carlos, Betty and Bev are leaving the Board; thank you for your great help. Bob W., Kay, Dianne, and Bob J. are continuing—some with new positions; thank you for your past help and for your future efforts. John, Lynne, Adra and Barb are joining the group; thank you for taking on these new endeavors.

And, we are able to offer all of our activities because of the long list of great volunteers that organize and lead these activities. I appreciate all you do and I just want to say "Thank you" Activity Chairs and Co-Chairs—Betty, Sue, Vince, Gloria, Sandy, Beth H., Pat, John B., Mary Ellen, Sheri B., Adra, Cathy K., Bob J., Connie, Michelle, Marianne, Sonja, Shari K., Carol P., Diane, Lynne, and Gary.

The April General Meeting is also going to be filled with events. You will get to meet our incoming Officers and Directors and Activity Chairs. Next year's budget will be presented for your review and vote of approval. Immediately following the meeting the afternoon fun begins. Start with a "Buy your own Lunch" with friends and follow on with the "Game Day" afternoon. Bring your favorite game and enjoy the day. It's all on April 10th starting at 10a.m, Hickory Airport.

**Game Night – D. Straley,
K. Knobloch**

**Items of Interest
Bob Jones**

**Historian –
Kathy Rozea**

**Hospitality –
M. LeGrand & ME Glover**

**Lunch Out –
Marianne Merrill**

**Mah Jongg –
Sonja Bridgwood**

**Members Helping
Members – Betty
Schwartz**

**Men's Activities –
Vince LeGrand
Mexican Train –
S. Kidd & C. Parker**

**Special Events –
C. Sand**

**Webmaster –
Gary Schwartz**

ANNUAL SURVEY!! We ask for your feedback with "Compliments, Comments, and Complaints". Forms were distributed and discussed at the last general meeting and then distributed by the broadcast email. Please send back your comments. Your participation is the key to our success.

ANNUAL DUES!! Annual Membership fees are due by April 1st. Checks can be paid at the General Meeting, given to any board member at events, or mailed directly to our mailbox at: Newcomers of CV, 2425 N. Center Street, Box 169, Hickory, NC 28601. (Remember, we have a private mailbox—not a PO Box at the Post Office.) Renewing members do not have to fill out the application form unless you have changes to your information.

Hopefully you have signed up for the Gala on April 6th—hope to see you there.

Don't miss April 15th—tax returns are due. Earth Day is April 22nd and Administrative Professionals Day is April 24th.

"Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."..... Unknown

Happy Easter and Happy Spring to everyone.
Kathy Rozea, NCV President



*Thank you all for a
wonderful time as your club
president.*

April 2013						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 1:00 pm Bridge	2 6:30 pm Mexican Train	3 1:00 pm Bridge	4 11:45 am Lunch @ J. Mc Crosky's	5 10:30 am MahJongg	6 6:00 pm GALA
7	8 1:00 pm Bridge	9 6:30 pm Shooting	10 10:00 am General Meeting	11	12 10:30 am MahJongg	13
14	15 1:00 pm Bridge	16	17 1:00 pm Bridge	18 6:00 pm Game Night	19 10:30 am MahJongg	20
21	22 6:30 pm Bridge	23 10:00 Board Meeting	24 1:30 pm Book Club	25 11:30 am Canasta & Lunch 12:00 pm Shooting	26 10:30 am MahJongg 2:00 pm Coffee and Canasta	27
28	29	30				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

April	May
2 – Carmen Barnett	3 – De Martin
2 – Karen Skulina	3 – Robert Leimbach
10 – Margie Dickie	4 – Al Osbahr
10 – Don Baldwin	10 – Don Baldwin
11 – Robert Sykes	11 – Bob Sykes
15 – Bob Jones	14 – JoAnn Simon
15 – Tom Woodyard	15 – Keith Campbell
16 – Marianne Merrill	15 – John Dowell
17 – Dianne Straley	15 – Bill Brown
18 – Joe Durand	19 – Sandy Davis
20 – Lesli Garvett	26 – Alma Robyn Wolgemuth
27 – Susan Perkins	28 – Ric Johnsen
30 – Bert Perkins	31 – JoAnn Womack

(If I've missed your birthday, please share it with me (Barb Beck)).

GENERAL MEETING/WELCOME COFFEE

We have another very special General Meeting planned for April on Wednesday, April 10th at the **Crosswinds Café inside the Hickory Airport**. It will be the first official meeting for our newly elected officers. The program will be given by Terry Clark, manager of the Hickory Regional Airport, who will talk about the history of the airport, which was built for training in WWII. He also will talk about the impact of the FAA's decision to close the airport's control tower.

Following the meeting, we will hold a "Game Afternoon". You can play Mexican Train Dominoes, Hand and Foot Canasta, Bridge, Mah Jongg, Rummykub, Scrabble or any game you like. We will have cards and games or bring your own. This is a great chance to play, watch and learn. You can order lunch from the menu at the airport's Crosswind Cafe. Questions? Contact Dianne Straley.

Our charity for this quarter is the Lenoir Soup Kitchen. They were a beneficiary last year and were very appreciative and thrilled to be selected again this year. They particularly would like to receive large tea bags, sugar, cake mix and frosting, canned vegetables and soup (larger cans preferred). We will be collecting at the monthly meeting as usual. For information, please contact John Bates.

RENEWAL TIME

It's the last call for renewing your Newcomers of Catawba Valley membership. Members who have not renewed will soon be removed from "Memberlist" and from the online directory. You can either bring your \$25 dues with you to a meeting or event and give them to any officer, or you can mail it to the following address:

Newcomers of Catawba Valley
2425 N. Center Street
Box #169
Hickory, NC 28601

If you mail your \$25.00, you MUST put both the street address and the box number on your envelope. Hoping all of you decide to renew your membership and will tell your friends and neighbors about the Club!! If you have any questions about the renewal process, contact John Bates, Membership Chair.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

Our thanks to Adra Kryszczuk who has taken over the maintenance of the activities calendar on the web site and distribution of the weekly activities report. The web calendar is always as current as the information provided by the committee chairs. You can see the full details of each activity by clicking on the title. You can also print a weekly or full monthly list of the activities for future reference. To all committee heads: please ensure that you provide Adra with current information relative to dates, places, and time of your activities. That will ensure that our members have immediate access to the most up to date information.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Once a month, Newcomers meet, usually in the afternoon, to share a beverage and just chat. The April function will be held Friday, April 26th at 2:00 at Atlanta Bread. For information contact Sheri Benning.

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Out for April will be Thursday the 4th at 11:45 at the new J. Mc Croskey's Irish Pub and Grill. For information on "Lunch Out", please contact Marianne Merrill.

EVENING SOCIAL

Adra Kryszczuk and Dianne Straley thank everyone who volunteered and helped with Evening Socials this last year and all the members who attended and made them so successful! Robyn Wolgemuth and Connie Yokum are Evening Social chairs for the next calendar year and we know you will give them your whole-hearted support. There are a few fun things already planned (Go Cawdads!), but a lot of spaces too, so please be open to helping fill the empty slots wherever you can!

There is a tentative social planned for Sunday, May 26 in downtown Hickory at the Hickory Wine Shop from 1 pm to 5 pm with music following on Union Square 6 pm to 9 pm (bring your own picnic supper and chairs). Stay tuned for more details. Robyn Wolgemuth and Connie Yokum.

CANASTA

This month's lunch and canasta will be on Thursday, April 25th at 11:30 at the Hickory Airport. For information on monthly canasta, please contact Carole Reising.

NEWCOMERS DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24th at 1:30 at the Woman's Resource Center. The current book selection is "Pearl of China" written by Anchee Min. In the small southern China town of Chin-kiang, in the last days of the nineteenth century, two young girls bump heads and become thick as thieves. Willow is the only child of a destitute family. Pearl is the

headstrong daughter of Christian missionaries-and will grow up to become Pearl S. Buck, Nobel Prize-winning writer and activist. This unlikely pair becomes lifelong friends, confiding their beliefs and dreams, experiencing love and motherhood, and eventually facing civil war and exile. *Pearl of China* brings new color to the remarkable life of Pearl S. Buck, illuminated by the sweep of history and an intimate, unforgettable friendship.

MAHJONGG

Daytime MahJongg is on Friday mornings @ 10:30 at Bistro 127. Please contact Sonja Bridgwood for more information or if interested in learning how to play. This is a fun, fast-paced game.

BRIDGE

The daytime bridge schedule for April is as follows: Mondays, April 1, 8, 15 at 1:00 pm; Wednesday bridge is April 3 and 17 at 1:00 pm; and evening bridge is Monday April 22nd at 6:30pm. New members, please contact Gloria Berg.

MEN'S ACTIVITIES **(though not limited to men)**

This month's shooting events will be on Tuesday, the 9th at 6:30pm, and Thursday, the 25th at 12:00 pm. For information on these activities, please contact Vince LeGrand.

GAME NIGHT

The next Game Night is April 18th at the Hickory Airport at 6:00 pm. Come join us, bring a friend, have dinner and play a game of your choice. Since we have to commit to a number for dinner, all no shows will be responsible for paying for their reserved meal. An email will be sent out shortly with the cost and menu for dinner. For information, contact Dianne Straley or Cathy Knobloch.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Mexican Train Dominos will be April 2nd, 6:30 pm at Shari Kidd's home. This is a fun game for ALL ~ male & female, beginner or experienced player, young and old. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage as well as \$2.00 for the kitty. For information, please contact Shari Kidd or Carol Parker.

SPECIAL EVENTS

On Wednesday, May 15, we have scheduled a guided tour of the Latta Plantation home in Huntersville. Built in 1800, Latta Place was owned by James Latta, an immigrant from Northern Ireland. A successful traveling merchant through 1820, Mr. Latta retired and turned his property into a cotton plantation consisting of 742 acres and 34 enslaved people. After Mr. Latta's death in 1837, his wife Jane sold the property to David Harry. In 1853, William Sample purchased the property, which was owned by the Sample family until 1922. Crescent Land and Timber, a subsidiary of Duke Power, then purchased the property because of its proximity to the Catawba River and rented the home out to tenant farmers, until the house was abandoned in the 1950's.

Latta Plantation is now a Nature preserve. It is a non- profit organization and works closely with the Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation. There are numerous cultural, historical and fun activities happening throughout the year. You can check their web site: www.lattaplantation.org.

We have been offered a discounted rate of \$5.00 per person, if we have 15 or more people for our tour. Our tour will begin at 2 PM. We will be taking reservation beginning April 1 -30. Please e-mail your reservation to Candy Sand.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS

"Members Helping Members" is a support group within our organization. The focus of the committee is to coordinate assistance for members and their immediate families who need help and support due to such things as illness, surgery, hospitalization, death, or other problems. The committee serves as the central contact between families needing assistance and Newcomers. They contact any recommended member to get approval before offering member support and to identify what type of assistance is needed. Once specific assistance is identified and approved by the family, the committee sends out requests to the membership.

Examples of the types of assistance include hospital and home visits; help with errands and grocery shopping; transportation for shopping and doctor visits; providing books and/or reading to someone; preparing meals; sending cards, etc. Monetary donations are excluded.

Members may contact any committee person. The committee currently includes Betty Schwartz (chairperson), Carol Parker, Brenda Macleod, De Martin and Sonja Bridgwood.

ITEMS OF INTEREST & TIDBITS OF INFO

To place an ad, email Bob Jones listing your items with short descriptions and your contact info by noon on Wednesday so that he can distribute the list on Thursday.

"WANTED" - Advertisers for our Website

If you know of any business or service company that would like to link up with our website as a sponsor, please notify Carlos Warner or Bob Jones. The ads run for twelve months after signup which can be at any time during the year. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Sandra Thompson; Phillip and Marie Swann; Barbara Jackson; Collette Wronek; Dennis & June Chalk; and Audrey and Robert Hammond.